GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:238
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CGHS DISPENSARIES IN CHANDIGARH
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 1355 on November 27, 2002 and state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to provide medical assistance to the entitled Government employees, particularly those residing outside the area covered by the dispensary;

(b) whether two more dispensaries were to come up in April and May, 2002; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in starting the same and by when these are likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): At present, one full-fledged CGHS dispensary is functioning in Chandigarh with the full complement of staff.The Central Government employees having their place of residence within a radius of 3 kms covered area of the dispensary are availing medical facilities from the dispensary.

Central Government employees in Chandigarh residing outside the covered areas of the above dispensary will continue to get their medical facilities under the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944, under which their respective office can appoint Authorised Medical Attendants (AMAs).

(b)&(c): The Governemnt had earlier proposed to open two more dispensaries under CGHS Chandigarh in a phased manner. However, due to non-implementation of the recommendations contained in the Staff Inspection Unit (SIU)`s Reports dated 2.11.99 and 30.1.2003 on the Norms Study of the CGHS(Allopathic) dispensaries, it has not been feasible for the Governemnto move proposals for creation of new posts for opening of new dispensaries under CGHS. As such, it will not be possible for the Govt. to open more CGHS dispensaries in Chandigarh at present.